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Lions Gate Metals continues to expand Poplar Deposit mineralization to the north with 0.55% CuEq over 164 metres and anticipates upgrading NI 43-101 Resource Estimate.

Vancouver, BC Canada, February 16, 2012 – Lions Gate Metals Inc. (TSX-V: LGM) (“Lions Gate” or the “Company”) is very pleased to announce the results from the final four (4) holes of the twenty-nine hole, 10,913.93 metres, phase-two diamond drill program (the “Program”) at the [Poplar Copper-Gold-Silver Porphyry Property](#) (the “Property”). Significant CuEq and Au values returned from the drilling along and outside the north-central margin of the [NI 43-101 compliant Inferred Resource area](#) (1.4 billion lbs copper; 245,000,000 tonnes grading 0.27% Cu – 0.15% cut-off) indicate that the mineralized system remains open at depth and to the north. See Poplar Deposit map for resource area and [drilling locations](#).

Holes 11-PC-109, 11-PC-110, 11-PC-114 and 11-PC-122, were drilled to test the limits of mineralization on the north side of both the Main and East Zones. These holes were drilled north and west of Holes [11-PC-85](#) and [11-PC-92](#), which returned 147 metres grading 0.51% CuEq and 123 metres grading 0.31% CuEq respectively, in the Phase One 5,569 metre, 13 hole program, completed by Lions Gate in the spring of 2011. These final four holes returned encouraging copper, gold and silver values, over the entire length of each hole.

“Phase-two results are such that, the Company expects to increase both grade and tonnage of our initial inferred copper resource estimate, and anticipates reporting significant gold and silver credits for the first time, as well,” says Lions Gate President and CEO Paul Sarjeant. “We have quite a bit more work to do at the Property to better understand the extent of mineralization and distribution of metals within the Main Zone and East Zones, and to explore what appears to be a new and separate silver system to the north. In the near term, we are working diligently with the phase-two drill data with the goal to update and announce a new NI 43-101 resource model within two to three weeks, in time hopefully, for [PDAC in Toronto](#), where we will be exhibiting in the Core Shack.”

Significant Results: Poplar Copper-Gold-Silver Deposit – North-Central Main and East Zones

Hole No.	From (m)	To (m)	Length (m)	Cu (%)	Au (g/t)	Mo (%)	Ag (g/t)	CuEq (%)	Comments
11-PC-109	30.00	501.00	471.00	0.18	0.06	0.006	1.88	0.27	Main & East Zone margin open at depth and to the north. Significant CuEq, Ag over length.
inc.	243.23	501.00	257.77	0.29	0.10	0.010	2.58	0.43	
inc.	336.23	501.00	164.77	0.37	0.13	0.013	3.40	0.55	

11-PC-110	18.00	477.00	459.00	0.22	0.07	0.002	1.61	0.29	
inc.	336.17	477.00	140.29	0.42	0.14	0.005	2.19	0.55	Significant CuEq.
11-PC-114	45.55	200.25	154.70	0.34	0.12	0.018	1.54	0.52	Significant CuEq over length.
inc.	93.80	200.25	106.45	0.38	0.14	0.021	1.58	0.60	
11-PC-122	27.43	252.07	224.64	0.11	0.03	0.003	0.98	0.15	
inc.	156.44	192.01	35.57	0.26	0.08	0.003	0.91	0.33	Mineralization continues at depth

The Program, completed in November, 2011, was designed to test and extend the limits of mineralization of the Poplar deposit, expand tonnage, increase grade of copper, and qualify to standard significant gold and silver content not included in the current NI 43-101 inferred resource of 1.4 billion lbs copper; 245,000,000 tonnes averaging 0.27% Cu (0.15% cut-off), but indicated by previous drilling.

Drill Hole Details

Hole No.	UTM E	UTM N	Elevation	Azimuth	Inclination	TD (m)
11-PC-109	631894	5987150	905	180	-67	501.00
11-PC-110	632004	5987116	890	180	-70	477.00
11-PC-114	631866	5987049	857	177	-50	200.25
11-PC-122	631954	5987051	915	175	-60	252.07

Drill intersections are true widths through the mineralized zones. All samples were submitted to AcmeLabs, Vancouver, an ISO 17025 accredited analytical laboratory, for preparation and analyses. Sample preparation used procedure R200-250, with digestion and analyses using method 1EX and gold determination by method G601. Lions Gate QA/QC included the insertion of one standard, one blank and one duplicate in each batch of 20 samples.

Lions Gate management and geologists invite PDAC 2012 delegates to visit them at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre from March 4-7, 2012. Lions Gate will be exhibiting in The Core Shack at Exhibit #5018, on Sunday March 4th, 2012 and Monday March 5th, and in their Investors Exchange [Exhibitor Booth #2524](#) (Halls F&G) for the four-day duration of the show. The Core Shack is a [PDAC feature destination](#) where 'The latest discoveries are highlighted, along with maps, charts and technical information'.

Copper Equivalent (Cu Eq)

Calculations were based on equivalency factors of $CuEq\% = Cu\% \times 1$, $Au (CuEq\%) = Au \text{ g/t} \times 0.57291667$, $Ag (CuEq\%) = Ag \text{ g/t} \times 0.01041667$, and metal prices of Cu \$2.80/lb, Mo \$16.00/lb, Au \$1100/troy oz., Ag \$20/troy oz. The equivalency factor for molybdenum is $Mo (CuEq\%) = Mo\% \times 5.71428571$. Metal recoveries are not used, as metallurgical studies are incomplete.

About the Property

Lions Gate Minerals has 100% interest in the 77,705 hectare, 196 claim Poplar Copper-Gold-Silver Porphyry Property located in western-central British Columbia, Canada, approximately 35 kilometres northeast of the Huckleberry copper-molybdenum mine operated by Imperial Metals, between Huckleberry and the mining resource town of Houston. The Poplar Deposit on the Property has a NI 43-101 compliant inferred resource of 245 million tonnes grading 0.27% copper, containing 1.4 billion pounds of copper, at a 0.15% copper cut-off. Additional diamond drilling is planned to further define and to upgrade this resource. Near-surface mineralization and significant gold and silver presence are Poplar Deposit highlights. Eight other regional copper-gold porphyry targets have been identified on the Property.

The inferred resource estimate was prepared by Giroux Consultants Limited (news release dated August 23, 2011), and was based on 105 historical drill holes and 13 diamond drill holes, totaling 5,569m, completed by Lions Gate in the spring of 2011. The phase-two drill program, completed in late November 2011, will provide enough data for an estimate of gold and silver grades, in addition to copper and molybdenum grades. An updated resource estimate is anticipated in the spring of 2012, when data from the phase-two drilling program is compiled and interpreted.

About Lions Gate Metals

Lions Gate Metals is a Canadian based, junior resource company focused on the exploration, development, and acquisition of copper and copper-focused multi-mineral projects. The Company boasts one of the largest consolidated property portfolios of any Canadian junior resource company, including the 77,705 hectare Poplar copper-gold-silver porphyry property located 35km northeast of the Imperial Metals Huckleberry mine (proven/probable 39.7 million tonnes grading 0.343% copper; aggregate production to Dec 31, 2010 approximately 870.0 million pounds copper, 8.0 million pounds molybdenum, 105,000 ounces gold and 3.4 million ounces silver) in west-central British Columbia, and the 6,900 hectare ROK-Coyote copper-gold porphyry property contiguous with Imperial Metal's Red Chris copper-gold project in northwestern British Columbia. Poplar and ROK-Coyote are the primary focus of the 2012 Exploration Program.

Andrew Gourlay P. Geol., Vice President Exploration is a Qualified Person under NI 43-101 and has reviewed and approved the contents of this news release.

For further information on the Company and its projects please visit the web site at www.lionsgatemetals.com or call CEO and President Paul Sarjeant at 604.683.7588

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